

MINISTRY OF FOOD

Food

Christmas Party Quiz

GET out your pencils, all you housewives and fighters on the Kitchen Front—and see how many answers to the quiz you get right. Top marking is 20. That would make you a cook-General! A score of 15 or over qualifies you as an Officer. If you score between 15 and 10 you won't lose your stripes, but you don't qualify for a commission. If you score under 10 you are R.T.U. ("returned to Unit") because that must mean that you haven't studied "Food Facts," regularly appearing in this paper. *Slope Pencils! Write!*

(1) Three of the following are protective foods, three supply energy. Which is which? Carrots, flour, tomatoes, wholemeal bread, dripping, rice. (Six marks, one for each correct answer.)

(6) Auntie threw her hands away. To the lock-up she was taken. There she is and there she'll stay. Fill in the last line. (Two marks.)

(7) Mrs. Bardell, in Dickens' Pickwick Papers, are "pettitoes." What were they? (Two marks.)

(8) Which are the two most valuable root vegetables? (Two marks, one for each.)

(9) For which important cereal is Scotland famous? (One mark.)

(10) What is a hay-box? Is it (a) a fixture in a stable, (b) an actor's make-up box, (c) a fuel economiser, (d) a talkative old lady. (One mark.)

(5) What time is the Kitchen Front broadcast? (One mark.)

Answers

(These are printed upside down so that you do not look before you should!) (1) Flour, dripping, and rice are energy foods. Carrots, tomatoes, and wholemeal bread are protective. (2) To save shipping. (3) Sugar. (4) To save her bacon. (5) January 6th. (6) 8.15 a.m. (7) Not potatoes, as so many people manage to save her bacon. (8) The potato and carrots. (9) Oatmeal. (10) (c).

THE MINISTRY OF FOOD, LONDON, S.W.1

CAN YOU SEE YOURSELF AS OTHERS SEE YOU?

WHAT do your friends and your acquaintances think about you? Do they find you clear-eyed, alert and cheerful—a healthy, self-confident man, on top of his job? If that is their verdict, then you are to be congratulated. You don't need to read further.

But if you've got to make excuses for yourself—

You don't need to be ashamed. Thousands are in the same boat. But there's no sense in carrying on, week after week, month after month, half awake, half alive and half well.

Nearly always the cause of this condition is the presence of poisonous toxins clogging your bloodstream. You guessed that already? Very likely, but why don't you do something about it? Why don't you go to work to kill those toxins?

It's easy. If you go to the right way. You have only to keep your bowels open and your kidneys well flushed. Kruschen, by being diuretic as well as laxative, provides the best operations there, safely and naturally.

Is there any reason why you should not start today on the climb back to normal good health? Try a pinch of Kruschen first thing every morning—just enough to cover a sixpence.

Kruschen costs little—6d., 7/- and 10/-.

Take it another day now, not tomorrow. That's the time to start on Kruschen. All chemists have it. (Price subject to purchase tax.)

FEET WON'T LET YOU DOWN

If You Rub Them with Zam-Buk

Hours of standing and walking—shopping, housework, on A.R.P. or other National duty—are liable to cause weary, painful feet. But your feet won't give you a moment's trouble if you give them a nightly rub over with Zam-Buk. Pain and swelling are thus quickly relieved, soreness and chilblains are healed and corns easily removed. Start with Zam-Buk to-night. (7d., 1/5, 3/5.)

Zam-Buk

BRAND

Ends Tiredness & Pain: Removes Corns

DRY SCALP

makes hair dull, lifeless

Dry scalp causes dull, lifeless hair, dandruff, even baldness.

Don't forget to use Vaseline Scalp Soother Shampoo

It is good for hair, scalp, skin, nails, etc.

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Fuehrer's Latest

BABY TANKS TO INVADE BRITAIN

BY OUR MILITARY CORRESPONDENT

HITLER, IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, IS BUILDING THOUSANDS OF BABY TANKS, CAPABLE OF CARRYING TWO MEN EACH—A DRIVER AND

A MACHINE-GUNNER.

They form part of his invasion programme, and his scheme is that the tanks, containing the crew with the iron rations and ammunition they need, shall be landed in this country by aeroplane.

Tests that have been carried out in East Prussia show that technically this is a possibility.

Special large freight planes have each taken one tank aboard at Prague, have flown with them to East Prussia, and have there landed safely and disembarked their loads.

These tanks are now being turned out on a mass-production basis in three factories in Czechoslovakia:—

1.—The Skoda works.

2.—The Breitfeld and Danek works.

3.—The Cesko Moravská factory.

Several thousand artisans are employed on the manufacture of the tanks. Many of them are engineers who have been transferred from Germany.

HUNDREDS WEEKLY

Others are local Czechs, who have been conscripted for the work.

The tanks are being turned out at the rate of hundreds a week in Czechoslovakia.

Whether they are also being manufactured in factories in the Reich, it is impossible to ascertain. It is more difficult to obtain exact news from Berlin in these days than it is through the underground channels that still link London with Prague.

But it is quite likely that large-scale production is also taking place in Germany for the engineers who went from Germany to supervise the work in the three Czech factories were already fully experienced in their task when they arrived in Prague.

That certainly seems to indicate that they had been doing the work before.

SHE WAS AUNT OF DUCHESS OF KENT

PRINCESS MARIE OF GREECE, aunt of King George of Greece and the Duchess of Kent, has died here, aged 64, of a heart attack.

She was born on February 20, 1876, and married, in 1900, Grand Duke George Michailovitch of Russia, who was killed in the Russian Revolution.

In 1922 she was married to Admiral Pericles Joannides. Until the beginning of the war she lived in Rome, then returned to her native country.—Reuter.

DUKE'S FUND GROWS
The Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross Fund stands at £4,106,000, an increase during the week of £491,000.

Rail Dogs 'Get Their Man'

LIKE the Canadian Mounties, highly trained Alsation dogs used by the police at important L.N.E.R. traffic centres always "get their man."

Recently two would-be thieves escaped from a policeman by climbing over a wall and seemed certain to get clear until the constable's Alsation leapt after them and "arrested" both.

The dogs accompany detectives on patrol in the black-out. They are trained to "announce" the presence of anyone near. If the policeman's challenge is unanswered, they will, if told, attack immediately.

They are not vicious. Their job is to keep suspects at bay until the policeman arrives.

WARSAW'S GHETTO FOR JEWS

Berlin, Saturday.
SEPARATION of the Jewish quarter of Warsaw from the rest of the city is now complete, says the German News Agency.

All comings and goings at Westminster yesterday when the owner, Mrs. Eleanor Hardingham, aged forty-six, was accused of insulting behaviour.

P.C. Lindnen said he was called by a porter at the station and he found shelterers were complaining that they could not sleep alongside Mrs. Hardingham because of the monkey which she had in a basket.

She was asked to remove the monkey, but refused.

She then became abusive to everyone, the officer said. Mrs. Hardingham eventually had to be ejected, and in the process she kicked him and caused a disturbance under the shelter.

Mrs. Hardingham told the magistrate, Mr. Ronald Powell, that after being bombed out of her home a fortnight ago she and her husband had used the shelter every night, but it was not until Friday night that objection was taken to the presence of the monkey.

She easily became hysterical at night as a result of her experience in raids.

COURT SYMPATHY

The woman's husband, Vivian Charles Hardingham, described as a Civil Servant, said that the monkey was never allowed out of the basket.

On his giving an undertaking that the monkey would not be taken to the shelter again and cause a disturbance the case was dismissed with a caution.

I do not know whether there is a rule about animals in shelters. It is just a question that the public dislikes monkeys being brought in," the magistrate said.

One realises that the stations are very crowded, and if great care is not taken about the behaviour of the people and the things they take down, the places might become very objectionable.

I quite sympathise with the people who complained of this monkey."

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU!

TO the following readers "The People" offers sincere congratulations on the occasion of their wedding anniversaries:

GOLDEN.—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Badford, 82, Blackburn-nd, Clayton-le-Moors, Lancs. Acme, Mr. and Mrs. H. Davis, 3, West-st, Poole, Dorset, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Barber, Council-ave, Northfleet, Kent; and Mr. and Mrs. F. Palmer-nd, Christchurch, Hants.

SILVER.—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fryer, 16, Tyrell-st, Leicester; Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Tittley, 29, Francis-st, Smeeth, Staffs; Mr. and Mrs. Jess, Goddard, Abbott-nd, Northfleet, Kent; Mr. and Mrs. J. Lord, 4, Falmead, Tolworth, Surrey; Mr. and Mrs. J. Woodruff, 61, Acme-nd, Merton, London; Mr. and Mrs. H. Ho, Nightingale-nd, Guildford; Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, St. Margaret's-ave, Rushden, Northants.

ALSO TO—Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Davis, Station House, Dymock, Glos (25 years); Mr. and Mrs. H. Moxon (late West Ham); The Cottage Dry-st, Laindon, Essex; Essex (36 years wed); Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Griffiths, 10, Market-st, Salcombe, Devon (40 years wed); Mr. and Mrs. W. Rogers, "Double U.R.", Bran End, Stebbing, Essex (36 years wed); Mr. and Mrs. C. Hanson, East Ham-nd, North Eastham, Northants (30 years); Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hills, Orchard-gardens, WallSEND-on-Tyne (43 years).

Without the vitamins now added to Rowntree's Cocoa, children are stunted, underweight and unhealthy. They catch colds easily. They cannot compete in work or play with children who get enough of these vitamins.

Make sure you ask for Rowntree's Cocoa—the cocoa containing the Fresh-Food Vitamins. Prices: quarter-lb. 5d., half-lb. 9d.—less than before the war!

1. They ward off illness, give protection against colds and flu.

2. They strengthen teeth and bones, promote sturdy growth, prevent rickets.

3. They correct night-blindness, which can be so dangerous in the black-out.

4. They keep skin and hair in good condition.

Rowntree's Cocoa
NOW CONTAINS THE FRESH-FOOD VITAMINS

Why We Bomb Hamm Yard

NAZI TRAFFIC CHAOS WORSE EVERY DAY FOR HITLER

ENORMOUS STRAIN IS BEING PUT ON GERMANY'S TRANSPORT SYSTEM, AND PARTICULARLY HER RAILWAYS, BY THE CONSTANTLY INCREASING PRESSURE OF THE R.A.F. IT REPRESENTS ONE OF HITLER'S GREATEST WAR PROBLEMS.

Mr. Dingle Foot, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare, made this revealing comment in a speech at Lampeter, Wales, yesterday.

"Some people," he said, "are inclined to be sceptical when we tell them about the enemy's economic difficulties."

"We have never suggested that the war could be won without fighting. We do say that our blockade, our control of enemy exports, our financial pressure and our bombardment of industrial targets have added enormously to the dictators' problems."

DRAIN ON OIL STOCKS

When Mr. Dalton, Minister of Economic Warfare, spoke the other day of impending German shortages of oil, rubber and hardening metals, that was not a piece of gossamer based on a few stray rumours, said Mr. Foot.

On the contrary, it was a very cautious estimate. If it erred on the side of pessimism.

Hitler's sea routes have been cut off. The main centres of German industry had been accustomed to receive raw materials from overseas via Hamburg and Bremen and up the Rhine or the Elbe. Now they must draw supplies such as they were overland from the East and South-East.

A great strain was thus placed

on the German railway system, a strain which was constantly increased by the R.A.F.

"It is sometimes asked," Mr. Foot continued, "why so many raids are directed at the greatest marshalling yard at Hamm. The reason is that Hamm is to Germany what a major port is to us. Where we rely on ships and tankers, the Germans must have trucks and tank wagons."

"True, they can transfer some of this traffic to the roads, but that means a further drain on their meagre supplies of oil. Results of this pressure are becoming increasingly visible."

"Only about a month ago, a passenger had to change 13 times between Basle and Berlin, which is about the distance from Aberdeen to London."

"Congestion of goods traffic has become so great that the authorities cannot consider the convenience of passengers."

TALK LESS WARNING TO RED ARMY

MOSCOW, Saturday.

MARSHAL TIMOSHENKO, SOVIET COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, HAS WARNED THE RED ARMY THAT IT MUST STOP WASTING TIME IN USELESS TALK AND CONCENTRATE ON REALITIES.

As a result, speakers at Party conferences in many Soviet military districts stressed the importance of training Red Army men under actual wartime conditions.

On February 23, the 23rd anniversary of the Red Army, more than 100,000 young Communists will take part in a cross-country ski test.

Writing to the organising committee, Marshal Timoshenko recalls how the Finnish War demonstrated the importance of skiing, and adds:

"Without skiing, it is impossible to wage winter warfare successfully, especially as a great part of the Soviet Union is covered with snow for many months."—Reuter.

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The Trains MUST go



This is the first rule of British Railways. Railwaymen work under bombardment and are ready to risk their lives to keep YOUR train running.

227,000,000 passengers and 8,100,000 wagon loads of freight—including the nation's food, coal, mails and newspapers—were transported in two recent months.

You may experience delays, but British trains are kept running—in spite of the greatest aerial bombardment the world has ever known.

BRITISH RAILWAYS



CALM YOUR NERVES by strengthening your blood

When you feel "nervy" tired, depressed and don't sleep well, it's no use dousing yourself with drugs. They don't get at the cause of your trouble. The cause is simply that you have thin, watery blood.

To make your blood red and rich and give it new strength, add your blood to a special iron known to the medical profession as Iron-Ox—quickly pours glorious, rich red strength into your blood, nerves, brain and muscles. "Nerviness," tiredness and depression disappear. You get deep, refreshing sleep. Iron-Ox is the Super Tonic. Take 100s. sold by Boots, Timothy Whites & Taylors and other chemists, 1/3 a package. Purchase Tax extra—Get some today!—Advt.



To save you from EVERYDAY ILLS

"Old friends are best"



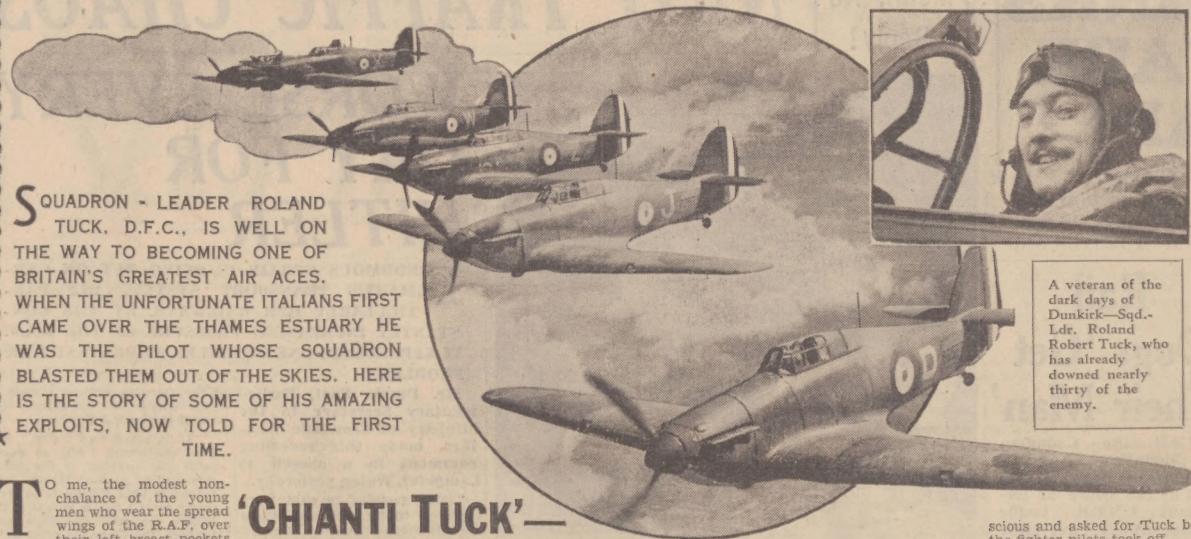
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Worth a guinea a box

Don't miss your Beechams Pills. Take them at bedtime. Remember they have served four generations faithfully and are still the safest, most reliable, refuge from everyday ills and ailments: sick headaches, digestive upsets, liverishness, overweight and that enemy of all—constipation. Get some Beechams Pills today. They are purely vegetable and obtainable everywhere.

He had lost sight of the Junkers

KNIGHTS OF THE AIR

By A. W. HELLIWELL



SQUADRON-LEADER ROLAND TUCK, D.F.C., IS WELL ON THE WAY TO BECOMING ONE OF BRITAIN'S GREATEST AIR ACES. WHEN THE UNFORTUNATE ITALIANS FIRST CAME OVER THE THAMES ESTUARY HE WAS THE PILOT WHOSE SQUADRON BLASTED THEM OUT OF THE SKIES. HERE IS THE STORY OF SOME OF HIS AMAZING EXPLOITS, NOW TOLD FOR THE FIRST TIME.

To me, the modest nonchalance of the young men who wear the spread wings of the R.A.F. over their left breast pockets is almost as astonishing as their courage.

We could excuse them any conceit, for heaven knows, they have earned the right to brag and boast in the last few months, but, you can take it from me, there isn't a single head too big for its flying helmet in the whole of the Service.

For weeks the Press of every country outside the Axis has lavished praise on them. Not a day goes by without some fresh story of their prowess hitting the headlines, and I am willing to bet that if one of our pilots was sent as an unofficial ambassador to America all New York would turn out to give him a triumphant parade down Broadway that would make Lindbergh's famous homecoming look like a funeral procession.

"Never in the history of human conflict has so much been owed by so many to so few," Churchill's tribute to our "soldiers with wings" focused the eyes of the whole world upon them in admiration, but it did not turn their heads, and I am not a pilot who would sooner tackle a dozen Messerschmitts than talk to a newspaperman—for publication!

His Scoreboard

An R.A.F. pilot is—I almost believe it must be a qualification—a pastmaster of the art of hiding his light under a bushel. Who, for instance, knows the name of Tuck—Squadron Leader Roland Robert Stanford Tuck, D.F.C. and bar?

He is the pilot whose squadron blasted those first unfortunate Italians over the Thames Estuary, and who, after the fashion of the old Wild West bad men who carved notches on their revolver butts, decorates the sides of his Hurricane fighter with painted swastikas.

Tuck knocks them down so fast that I am not prepared to give the total that now adorns his plane, but it is probably well on the way towards a dozen. He is a veteran of those dark days of Dunkirk when a handful of our Dunkirk when a handful of our men again and again beat off mass assaults by the Luftwaffe on our retreating Expeditionary Force, this tall, broad-shouldered young squadron leader is one of our most brilliant fighter pilots—but even his own parents don't know half the thrilling stories that can be told about his exploits.

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'CHIANTI TUCK'—

TERROR OF THE WOPS

but he was in a tough spot. The white cliffs of Beachy Head sparkled tantalisingly in the sunshine nearly forty miles away. His crippled machine was losing height fast and the controls were almost as big as his flying helmet.

But although he knew a crash was inevitable he kept struggling, taking advantage of every wind current to snatch a hundred feet or so of height and hold his plane up until he was over the coast.

He got ready to jump then. He was only 800 ft. up, and at that height there is precious little time to wriggle out of a skin-tight cockpit, drop clear of your plane, pull the rip cord of your chute and arrange your heading descent before you reach ground.

Tuck squeezed out of his seat and kicked himself violently off into space. Caimly he counted three and tugged, but he was still dropping fast when he hit the grass and one leg crumpled painfully beneath his weight.

The injury was not serious, but he had minor shrapnel wounds as well, and he was sent to hospital for a few days. In the next bed was a Luftwaffe *oberleutnant*, pilot of one of the bombers Tuck had shot down, and before the Englishman left to rejoin his squadron the German unpinched his Iron Cross and handed it to him.

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pieces of metal flying from the wings and fuselage. The bomber turned tail and climbed into the clouds with Tuck in hot pursuit.

It vanished into one black thunder-cloud, and Tuck, following at 300 miles an hour, suddenly found himself in a pitch-dark world. There was no sign of the Dornier, but a series of ominous crashes as bullets rippled into his Spitfire told him it was not far away.

He looked down, and there it was less than twenty feet below firing at point-blank range.

Tuck side-slipped, pulled astern and raked the bomber with all eight guns from twenty-five yards' range. It went to pieces in mid-air but he was in plenty of trouble himself. His plane was seriously damaged and smoke was pouring from the engine. He came out of the clouds over the sea more than fifteen miles from the coast. His engine was rapidly growing hotter and seemed in danger of blowing up, so he switched off and glided towards the shore, landing just on the cliff edge with only feet to go.

On another of his days off Tuck went to spend a cheery few hours with his old squadron of which he had been flight commander. While he was there a swarthy Messerschmitt came over and borrowing a Spitfire—he flew a Hurricane now—he went up with his old comrades.

It was in this dog-fight that he collected his twentieth swastika. It is also distinguished as one of the rare occasions about which this laconic and modest young sky hero has had anything to say.

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CAVALCADE OF THE BLITZ

THE EAST END FINDS ITS SOUL

HERE is the first article of a remarkable new series which gives vivid picture of how the men and women of the cities of Britain are standing up to Hitler's campaign of murder from the skies. It is an inspiring narrative of simple heroism beginning in London's East End.

BUT London lays no claim to a monopoly of courage and endurance, and here will be told how workers in the different Services, housewives and children, and ordinary citizens alike react under the ordeal of the bombers.

"HEN Jesus said 'Who so seeketh to save his own life shall lose it and who so loseth his life for My sake shall find it.' He was laying down a principle for all time by which true life is born; and it is in places like the East End, amid all the suffering caused by the war, and under conditions resulting from it—conditions almost intolerable and often quite unnecessary—that we find joy born from suffering, love from misery, peace from struggle and courage from disaster."

So said Father Groser as he told me his story of the Blitz in the East End and challenged me to go out and verify what he had said.

So I stepped out into the streets where penury once flaunted itself in a riot of colour, made the pavements gay with Chinese in blue dungarees, Malays in red fezzes, rabbis in silk overcoats, broad-shouldered dockers, and trimly toiletted bright young things.

Where even the shops and stalls had an air of prosperity which vied with the cheapness of the wares—pipes and pin cases, corn cures and mouse-traps, purses and cheap jewellery. Now many of these stalls have

vanded and many of the shops are closed and shut.

Now streets of happy homes, where men smoked, women gossiped, and kids played tag with ear-splitting whoops are but silent deserts of rubble and seas of broken glass.

But I found he was right, for though a bomb can shatter an East End home it cannot affect an East End heart. For despite all the hammering of the Blitz, despite all the squallor, misery and anxiety of their lives, his people have not and will not lose faith.

Not for riches, honour, or glory do they strive, but for that liberty no good man would consent to lose but with his life.

For what light is to the eyes, air to the lungs, and love to the heart, liberty is to the soul of the East End.

"Freedom!" is their battle cry. And for freedom, for happiness for the brave new world to come they will see it through to the end.

"God help the man who lets them down," said Father Groser, and I know now what he meant.

He knows these people and the wounds they have to bear.

THROUGH NIGHTS OF TERROR

He has stared with them dumbly at the ruins of their wrecked homes, which contained as they held near and dear, watched their reactions as everything they had built up after years of struggle was destroyed in a minute. He has talked to men made paupers at a single blow, left, many of them, with nothing but a shirt and a pair of pants.

He has budded with them through nights of terror under dripping railway arches dimly lit by hurricane lamps, watched the stolid men play draughts together, and the shivering, ill-clad women sharing their tea and bread with others less fortunate, comforting the aged, the sick, and the poor worried mothers with too many babies.

He has seen them march out of flooded shelters where the beds and floorboards were floating around, and lie off quietly to take the risk of bombs in their ill-built homes.

He has watched them bear these and a thousand other miseries without complaint and knows the aches of these poor people living out their simple lives as workers, wanderers, exiles, and housewives.

PROUD OF THESE PEOPLE

He has seen them in all sorts and kinds of trouble, but he has never seen them let their tails down!

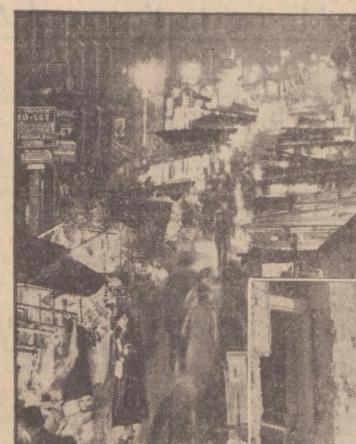
I know now why he is proud of these people. Tired they are—very tired—but they can stand anything in a cause they feel is worth while, and though there is much they should not have to stand, much that could be done to alleviate their misery, he believes it is right when he says that "though they will see it through to the end, woe betide those who try to cheat them in the end."

Courage! Courage is common in the East End, where the hero may be the man working at the next bench or sitting beside you in the bus.

Why even the kids down here play the danger game. Maybe you haven't heard of the Bomb Squad Babies, but the whole of the East End has—a bunch of youngsters, none of them older than 17, who lounge under Shadwell Arches when darkness falls and the sky is full of flashe and the thunder of the guns.

"Crikey! Look at that!" says one, and off they fly through the narrow blacked-out treets as fast as their young legs can carry them to the spot where an incendiary has started a blaze.

"Throughout the nightmare hours,



BLITZ

By R. S. BUCHANAN

In an interview with

FATHER GROSER



to give them the shelter of their humble hearths.

Self-sacrifice! It is in the East End that you see the helping hand of the good woman with the friendly eyes and the faint smile on her lips at its best.

Women like Lady Ravensdale, Mrs. Henriques, Miss Grenfell, Father Groser's cheery little helper Miss Neil, his wife and a score of others I could name.

Night after night you will see them outside the shelters, often in the worst of the bombing, comforting the weary, improvising tourniquets and dressing wounds by the glow of torches, serving soup, coco and sandwiches, providing ground sheets for shelters, digging out boots and clothing for those in need.

Always they are trotting around with a bird-like briskness on some paces of boundless of mercy. They love the work.

And there are good men helping here too, men like the Sandwich Gang at Paddy's Goose Club. No swashbuckling heroes those. Just a quiet bunch of the older chaps who give all their spare time to cutting sandwiches for the hungry, to relieving the distress of the East End's homeless and bombed out!

Quickly, though calmly, they issued terse instructions, directing those who could walk to the nearest emergency shelter.

Then, as the clock ticked on slowly towards the hour that might spell their doom, they lifted a score of crippled old dears into their arms and carried them one by one to the nearest haven of rest.

Men like Sam Donner, who has been recommended for the George Cross. In a daylight raid thirteen people were trapped under wreckage.

With bleeding hands and ripped clothes Sam tore at the debris to free them, with a time bomb ready to blow them to Kingdom Come a few yards away. Yet so well did Sam and his aids work that they succeeded in getting three of the trapped out alive.

Tragedy! There's tragedy, too, in Paddy's Goose Club. Day after day Tom, a tall thin man, comes into the club and sits there in stony silence with his grief.

When his house collapsed on them poor Tom lost wife, children, home, at one blow.

Everyone has pity for Tom, and yet no word of sympathy can filter through to the impenetrable silence of his mind. For Tom is stone deaf. So he must sit silent and alone with his grief.

Then there was little five-year-old Bobb, white and shaken with a crusty cold, the only one of his family to be rescued alive when his shelter was blown up.

Yet the other bombed-out folk in the club forgot their own losses and sorrows in comforting with loving arms the "poor wee fellow" who seemed in such bad shape and who never will see his dad and mum again.

There were women there with no homes, with seven or eight children themselves, who wanted to add Bobb to their collection. To adopt him on the spot.

But wee Bobb had relatives in the country and he was sent off there.

Resting in the club, too, you will find lonely old dears who have been bombed out of their single rooms, huddling round the fire, resenting the crippling ailments that make them powerless to help their neighbours, and a burden to others.

It's Dr. Cheer that keeps them healthy in squallid shelters, where melancholy hygiene would fall with the first germ.

Self-sacrifice! East Enders are self-sacrificing all their lives.

They learn early to take in one another's washing in this school of hard knocks. Their whole life is a fight against insecurity.

Stevedores scrambling for jobs at the docks, gate daily! Navvies, furniture workers, leather workers knocked off the pay roll. Misfortune hits them all at one time or another. And in such a world the notion of mutual service is soon learnt.

That's why, when Grandma Thomson, Mrs. Thomson and her eight little scallywags were bombed out they were never in any doubt about where to go. A score of friendly neighbours, with a heap of troubles of their own, were only too willing and anxious

"I could be the happiest."

"It's having nothing to do, nothing to love that makes life emptiness and darkness."

Even the poor bombed and bewildered creatures find someone to love them in the East End, someone like queer, eccentric Old Mary who feeds the pigeons religiously and the same every morning who spends the rest of the day hunting down stray and hungry cats rendered homeless by the blitz.

There's Old Rosie, for instance. "I'm the loneliest woman in the world," she said, cocking her head and looking at me. "Yet if I only had an old mother to look after... or even a baby to look after me," she added wistfully.

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So blessing! have come even from the Blitz. So the most distressing of all human experiences has brought the soul of the East End to a bloom and a blossoming...

If the secret of life is a striving after good. If, as Christ said two thousand years ago "Life is love towards God and our neighbour which gives happiness to man."

"...if that is the secret of life, then it is known in the East End!"

BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE RAID

KEEPING WATER OUT OF YOUR ANDERSON SHELTER

—and the help that is ready if your home is hit

excessive, can often be cured by raising the floor of the shelter by putting in earth and then a layer of rubble or clinker. Another way is to raise the whole shelter altogether, but in this case the shelter must be bedded in the earth not less than a foot, and pack the earth in layers 4' on 5' from end to end. The channels ground level the all round shelter will be required to cover it.

WHEN TO CONSULT THE COUNCIL

If, after taking these measures, water still enters the shelter, seek advice of the local Council; possibly the only cure will be the construction of a concrete "tank" within the shelter. You may get some condensation of moisture on the inside of the shelter. If so, paint the inside with paint or a shellac varnish and throw dust over on while the paint is wet. These hints are taken from a very helpful leaflet being issued by local authorities to all who have "Andersons".

AFTER THE RAID

Have your plans made. You should try to make plans now to go and stay with friends or relatives, in case your house is destroyed. They should also arrange now to come to you if their house is knocked out. It's comforting to feel that everything is fixed up, just in case.

Help is ready
If your home is damaged, there is a great deal of help ready for you. Full arrangements have been made to give you food and shelter, clothes and money if necessary, and to find you somewhere to live. If you have not been able to make arrangements with friends, go straight to the Emergency Rest Centre. The wardens and police know where it is. Ask them.

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A British Arab outpost on the Egyptian coast, where Graziani's armies are on the run.

LET'S TALK IT

THERE is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune." Such a tide is rising now on the tideless Mediterranean, and we are riding it with high hearts. The Greeks are giving the Italians no rest in Albania, and the "Imperial Army of the Nile" has gained "a major victory." Sidi Barrani is in our hands again, the routed enemy has sustained immense losses, and the Duce's "African Empire" may prove as insubstantial as the mirage of the deserts upon which he planned to build it.

Mr. Churchill, giving these glad tidings to the House, went so far as to say that our anxieties over Egypt have now been removed.

This is a magnificent achievement and supplies a crushing answer to all the critics who complained of what they were pleased to call half-hearted action against Italy.

SEVERAL ex-generals and military experts, not expert enough to have been given any command, have been telling us for weeks past how, when and where the real fighting men ought to hammer the Italians.

The pen may be mightier than the sword, but it is certainly easier to wield, and the warrior-scribes have a pretty soft job when it comes to anticipating the obvious.

The fellows who have to do the actual work, the men who are still outnumbered by at least two and a half to one, knew just as well as the critics what a grand thing it would be "to have a snack at the Wops."

But they probably said: "What with?" and went on patiently building up their reserves, replacing the immense losses of material we sustained at Dunkirk, marshalling reinforcements and thoroughly preparing for the attack which they are now delivering so successfully.

If Mussolini goes "out" I think we can trust our naval, army and air force commanders to go "in" one jump ahead of Hitler. At all events, I would rather leave it to them than to any of the pen-pushers.

IT was significant—but not surprising—that when Hitler made his broadcast to German munition workers the other day he made no reference either to Italy or to Russia.

He boasted that German armies would never leave the territories which they have occupied except of their own free will. He said that he would choose the hour for the final onslaught upon Britain. He wasn't going to be hurried. He was going to exercise his famous patience again.

But he also said: "If Germany is beaten, it will be the end of the German people."

Contrast that with Lord Lothian's last words to the citizens of the United States: "With your help we are certain of victory—decisive victory—in 1942, if not before."

The British Ambassador's sudden and tragic death lends dramatic force to his appeal for American help.

We shall be given that help. We shall be given in time to beat the U-Boats and the bombers and avert the menace to our shipping.

But now, as always, we must count mainly upon our own efforts. We must work in factories, offices, mines and shipyards as we have never worked before. We must work as though there were none to help us.

If we do that we shall justify Lord Lothian's optimism, but we cannot do so in any other way.

EARLY in the New Year the Government hopes to put into operation its vast scheme of national insurance against air-raid damage. This will cover property worth twelve thousand millions, not to mention immense business assets.

We have been waiting several months for this highly necessary measure, and we don't know yet how far Sir Kingsley Wood's present proposals may need to be modified.

At the same time most people, I think, will recognise that the Government is making a bold and honest attempt to solve a very difficult problem.

British insurance companies are the most reliable in the world. Clearly, however, they could not cope with the huge risk of air raids.

One reason for their inability to do this is that they cannot make insurance compulsory. The Government can and will. It suggests what seems to be a reasonable premium for house and property owners, and it promises compensation up to "all there is in the national kitty."

Who could do more? Nobody knows, and nobody can yet foresee with reasonable certainty, how much the country will have to pay for "repairs and rebuilding."

In fact, we can't do more than "spread our risks." That is the essence of the democratic principle—the whole community's acceptance of responsibility for its less fortunate members.

The new Bill has seventy clauses, and they will

give Parliament plenty to talk over before the third reading.

I wish to draw your attention here to three points only. The first is that compensation ought to be based not upon the costs of rebuilding in March, 1939, but upon the actual costs of today and tomorrow.

Very properly, the Government intends to make compensation retrospective. In other words, none of you are going to lose your "benefits" simply because you happen to have been "bombed out" before this new Bill passes into law.

My point is that air raid victims ought to be given "home for home." Their loss is not to be measured fairly in mere terms of money. They will need new houses and they ought to get them.

Again, the premium now suggested for the voluntary insurance of furni-

ture seems high in comparison with that demanded to cover property risks.

Thirty shillings per hundred pounds is a lot of money for poor people to find. Many of them simply won't be able to afford it, and yet they will be the ones whose bits of furniture probably represent their all.

I am glad to see, however, that there is to be no change in the existing arrangement whereby free grants of essential furniture and clothing can be claimed by people of very small means.

Finally, it is most important that landlords shall not be allowed to cover their own premiums by increased rentals.

Obviously, they have no moral right to do anything of the sort, since compensation would go into their pockets, not into their tenants'.

But, unless this ruling is made clear and positive, some landlords are almost certain to "try it on."

JUDGING from readers' letters, I think there is a growing wish among the public for a further scheme of national insurance to cover the risk of death and personal injury.

I take this opportunity of reminding my correspondents that I cannot reply to them all per-

Thought for Today

TROUBLE CAN'T REMOVE THE BRAVE MAN'S SMILE; IT CAN ONLY MAKE IT A GRIM ONE.

sonally, but, in regard to this particular matter, the Government is working out a scheme now, and it will probably be embodied in a supplementary insurance Bill at an early date.

Incidentally, it may be mentioned here that the Press, whatever our leaders may sometimes think about it, has made many useful suggestions which they have afterwards adopted.

Air raid insurance would have been provided sooner or later, I suppose, in any case, but I think we should have had to wait for it a good deal longer if the newspapers had not kept up a steady demand for its immediate introduction.

THIS writer is particularly gratified to note that Major Lloyd George, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, says that the question of rationing restaurant and hotel meals is now under consideration.

The People, you may remember, was the first newspaper to raise this question. It always seemed to me most unfair that people who "eat

leaves the warmth and comfort of home and fireside and go out into the night air there is a definite risk to health and safety.

Alfie's Father's luck is so bad that if he backed the Italian navy to win a race, all its engines would break down.

TODAY'S PROVERB

Each Christmas brings its merry thought.

Which children will recall.

And faith in Britain's victory is the merriest thought of all.

WISDOM WEEK BY WEEK

True comradeship binds us with a golden chain.

LITTLE ALFIE ON WARTIME PANTO

It's up to us to town lads now parked in the tree and giving us natives a Xmas treat. And me and Morris have fixed up to give 'em one of our famous pantomimes, only, seeing it's wartime, it will be different.

It's a bit of argument about which story we'll do, and we've decided that we'll have to mix 'em a bit. For instance, I'll mix me and Morris up O.K. in our juggling act as Bonko and Conko, the comedy brokers' men but the idea of Cuzza, Arthur sitting in a blond wig and singing "Love is all wud be just too tun wudn't it?"

As I always said, Dick Wittington is the best story beccu' it has a famous animal, but I'll mix 'em in a bit so I'm having a lion, played by Rags (that's my dog). They're also the cow out of Jack and the Beanstalk. We're having

rehearsals for a bit of Aladdin, too. Father Oates is going to lend us an old stable lantern for a wonderful effect. He says it hasn't any properties, but the more us boys rub it, the cleverer it'll become. Father's interested in Aladdin's cave full of jewels, and when he's got them, we'll have a bit of leeks, lemons, and torch-batteries that wud be a miracle all rite.

We'll have a marvelous tableau at the end when Horatio and me are up as the Army, the Navy, and the R.A.F. respectively, while Rags (that's my dog) is the Union Jack for a wastecoat, sits up and salutes. Grate stuff.

"MAN O' THE PEOPLE"

writes on "Things That Matter to You and Me"

out" should be free to do so and still to draw their full rations at home. By meatless days or by some other device, these "double helpings" must be stopped.

A lot of fuss, you think, about a comparatively small matter? Actually, I doubt whether it is so small, for the extra food that moneyed people can obtain in this way must represent many hundreds of precious cargoes.

Apart from that, however, the principle involved is a big one—the principle of fair play for rich and poor alike.

Of course, we never have lived up to that principle. We never have come anywhere near to the ideal of "equality of sacrifice," though the phrase has been used smugly by many a public man.

Nevertheless, no observant student of current affairs can fail to be impressed by a certain change of outlook and, I think, of heart, which is now taking place throughout the country.

The Cabinet has almost concluded its discussions in regard to a declaration of the war aims of the British Commonwealth, and some official statement will probably be made in a few weeks' time.

"Man o' the People" has always been hoping for such a declaration because he believes that there could be no finer propaganda for our great cause than a bold and generous British plan for a new world order.

HITLER'S "New Order" means nothing less than slavery for the peoples he has conquered, and, for his own countrymen, no more than a pampered and disgusting servitude to the State.

We know how it is working out now in occupied territories. We know that the Poles and the Czechs are suffering terrible privations, that many have been murdered, many tortured and shamed and millions driven from their homes to forced labour.

There has been no viler tyranny since the world began. We intend to destroy it utterly, but we ought to do more than that. We ought to offer every people the hope of happiness in a new and safer world.

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And he pleads that we should cease to allow all our lives to be dominated solely by the profit motive. "The Forgotten Men" must be forgotten no longer. Some of the sacrifices we take for granted in war will have to be willingly borne to meet the needs of peace and reconstruction.

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Less Meat For You—And Hotels

1s. 10d. Ration Tomorrow

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

YOUR MEAT RATION IS CUT FROM TOMORROW. INSTEAD OF THE 2s. 2d. A WEEK ALLOWANCE WHICH YOU HAVE HAD WHILE HOME-PRODUCED MEAT WAS IN AMPLE SUPPLY, YOU GO BACK TO THE OLD RATION OF 1s. 10d. A WEEK.

The Food Ministry made this announcement yesterday.

They also stated that the allocations of both rationed and non-rationed meat to hotels and caterers will be reduced by one-third.

This will put a great strain on the transport available, and housewives are asked to recognise that there may be some delay in full supplies reaching butchers before Christmas.

Meanwhile, there is no need for anyone who has "played the game" to be nervous about Lord Woolton's threat to prosecute food hoarders.

MINISTER'S WARNING

The Food Minister made this clear to "The People" yesterday. His warning, he said, did not apply to housewives who had taken his previous advice to lay in a week's emergency supply.

"Ninety-nine per cent. of the public," he said, "are behaving in the decent British way. But there are a few exceptional cases of people running from shop to shop trying to collect an unfair proportion of goods that may be short."

"It is these selfish hoarders I am after, and when I come across them they will find themselves in the dock."

**Vicar Sued
Warden, Now
To Leave**

Ipswich, Saturday.

VICAR OF BRAMFIELD, SUFFOLK, THE REV. C. M. BARKER, WHO LOST A LIBEL ACTION HE BROUGHT AGAINST ONE OF THE CHURCHWARDENS, ANNOUNCED TODAY HE IS LEAVING THE PARISH.

Mr. Barker writes in his parish magazine:

"I have hoped and tried so to arrange matters that I could remain here permanently, but in accordance with certain Acts dealing with vicars, the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury of Ipswich (Dr. W. G. Whittingham) has declared Bramfield benefice vacant. Therefore, in loyal obedience to my Bishop, I am bound to move."

In May, 1939, Mr. Barker lost a libel action he brought in the High Court against one of the churchwardens, Mr. Jabez Peacock. He complained that Mr. Peacock had accused him of misappropriating 12s. 1d. of church funds in the vestry safe.

Afterwards the Vicar refused to recognise the Church Council, of which Mr. Peacock was a member, and he appointed one of his own.

After he had lost the libel action, Mr. Barker said: "I retained what I set out to do, and that was to clear my name and that of the parish. It was purely a question of honour, and now I am going to start afresh."

CROOKED POLICIES

Tighten Law,
Urges An M.P.

MISREPRESENTATIONS or non-disclosures in insurance forms, which enable companies to repudiate the policies, are the subject of a question to be put by Mr. T. M. Sexton, Labour M.P. for Barnard Castle, to the Ministry of Transport.

Mr. Sexton declares that many persons or dependants of those who suffer injury or loss of life through the negligence of motor drivers, are left without redress when the policies are thus repudiated.

He will ask the Minister if he will consider legislation to make this impossible.

ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT



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YOU, too, can have that attractive slim figure which everyone admires. You, too, can look lovely and keep in radiant health, if you "slim while you sleep" with the aid of Bile Beans.

Purely vegetable, Bile Beans act gently and naturally. They tone up the system, purify the blood and daily remove all food residue. Thus Bile Beans improve health and vitality and bring slim youthful lines. Don't just envy others! Start now to get that lovely figure and perfect health yourself by taking Bile Beans regularly at bedtime.

By Nightly Taking

BILE BEANS

"The People's" Secret Service News

BRITISH successes against Graziani have put paid to the last hopes of the Italian Armistice Commissions, both in Syria and Tunisia. Local public opinion has become openly threatening, and strong military guards have had to be posted outside their headquarters, where they are virtually prisoners. Rome has told them to come home as soon as they can find safe transport.

DESTITUTION of war department is increasing trouble with the 1,800,000 French prisoners still in their charge. These men are determined to get home and now refuse to work any longer for Germany under the slave conditions hitherto applied.

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GESTAPO efforts to minimise R.A.F. damage in Germany have proved a dismal failure. It has become common knowledge that Nazi leaders never spend the night in Berlin or any town likely

to be attacked, while their wives and families have all migrated to the south of France or to distant Austrian health resorts.

Destruction of so many aircraft factories inside Germany by our airmen has caused Goering to adapt French works to Nazi aeroplane building. Now he finds a marked slow down to sabotage.

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GERING has offered his agents in U.S.A. a big reward if they can locate an Austrian "brains trust" which is encouraging and subsidising sabotage in his vast steel and munitions works in Graz, Linz and other "loyal" areas.

A NEW sphere of interest—Finland—is developing into yet another bone of contention between Germany and Russia. Nazis want to get hold of Finnish dairy and agricultural produce now that they have killed the Danish

and Dutch "golden egg" geese by their reckless plundering of stocks. They also covet the Petsamo nickel mines.

Russia says "No."

The way Russia has counteracted Nazi intrigue has been to sponsor a trade agreement between Finland and Yugoslavia. The latter Balkan State has been virtually promised Russian help if it suffers at Hitler's hands. Until now the Germans thought this only applied to invasion.

HITLER'S uncertainty about the extent of the Soviet-Yugoslav understanding has reacted on the whole Nazi High Command to an extent that has made them nervous about any further adventures anywhere along the entire German eastern frontier.

Balkan countries—encouraged by the success of British aid to Greece—have not been slow to take advantage of the new Nazi fears. A new alliance is in the offing between Turkey, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia, which may later include Greece and which may once and for all halt the Nazi threat to the East.

MEXICO, the former headquarters and happy hunting ground of German agents in the New World, has decided to clamp down all Nazi-Fascist activities within her borders. Their Tampico and Vera Cruz offices have been raided and the ringleaders quietly deported on a Japanese steamer sailing direct to Tokyo.

Mexico has also decided to link up with the U.S.A. in order to prevent oil reaching the Axis countries.

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REFUSAL of Spain to join the Axis and the completion of an Anglo-Spanish trade agreement has been welcomed in South America, where several Spanish-speaking States are adopting new anti-Nazi measures. Nazi agents have also been discredited after their boasts that Hitler had Spain in his pocket—and Nazi intrigue has been thrown back considerably.

Action now being taken by those States includes a demand for the immediate payment of harbour dues and other demurrage charges on all German and Italian ships which had run in for safety when war was declared. The total amount runs into seven figures and may make a big hole in Axis foreign credits.

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SOVIET-U.S.A. talks are quietly progressing favourably. The situation in China has formed a common link between the two countries. Both intend to maintain and increase their help to Chiang Kai-Shek to continue the war against Japan.

The new British credit of £10,000,000 to the Chinese generalissimo added to U.S.A. and Soviet help now makes it unlikely that Japan will have either the time or opportunity to cause any trouble outside China anywhere in the Far East in order to help her Axis partners.

CHAPLIN INDICTS HITLER



CHARLIE CHAPLIN AND PAULETTE GODDARD IN

"THE GREAT DICTATOR"

IN "The Great Dictator" in which, as a little Jewish barber, he is mistaken for his double, Adenoid Hynkel, Chaplin has made a picture of searing satire. While diabolically clever in ridicule, it is nevertheless packed with uproarious comedy in the best Chaplin tradition, even to custard pies. At Prince of Wales, Gaumont (Haymarket) and Marble Arch Pavilion this week.

Five Huns Down In A Day

D.S.O. FOR R.A.F. ACE

FAIRY SQUADRON'S NEW HONOUR

PILOT OFFICER H. M. STEPHEN, D.F.C. AND BAR, 74 SQUADRON, HAS IT WAS ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT, RECEIVED THE D.S.O. AS A FIELD AWARD, ON THE IMMEDIATE RECOMMENDATION TO THE KING OF AIR MARSHAL W. SHOLTO-DOUGLAS, A.O.C.-IN-C. FIGHTER COMMAND.

This is the first D.S.O. to be awarded in the field to a member of Britain's Home Defence Forces.

Pilot-Officer Stephen has fought with skill and success in practically every stage of the air war. He flew again and again to the Dunkirk beaches during the withdrawal of the B.E.F., and he has been repeatedly in action during the Battle of Britain.

MOST SUCCESSFUL DAY

He has destroyed more than 20 enemy aircraft.

Together with his flight-commander, who also had already been awarded the D.F.C., he lately shared the honour of shooting down the 600th enemy aircraft to be destroyed by fighters operating from a single R.A.F. station.

This was a Messerschmitt 109 which the two pilots met high over the South-East Coast.

Visibility was no more than 300 to 400 feet when they took off. It was so cold at the great height at which they were flying that Pilot-Officer Stephen had to press the gun button with his left hand. His right hand, holding the control column, was practically numb.

In a single morning's work he shot down five of the enemy. That was his most successful day.

Soon after 4 a.m. he flew with the rest of his squadron to their forward base and went into action against a squadron of German fighters. After giving quick bursts at two of them, he found himself following two more Messerschmitt 109's at only a few yards distance.

The rear machine of the two exploded in mid-air when Pilot-Officer Stephen was only 20 yards away—and the fourth one, he said, on landing, "didn't know what hit him either."

DOWN IN FLAMES

His second patrol that day, still before breakfast, brought him no further luck, but soon after 10.30 a.m. he was ordered with the rest of the squadron on a convoy patrol.

They had barely arrived over the convoy, when about forty M.E. 110 fighter-bombers were sighted in groups of three flying under cover of broken cloud to attack the convoy.

After a few moments of general meleé, in which P.O. Stephen joined with the rest, he was able to make a sustained attack on one of the M.E.'s. It went down in flames into the sea.

He was just climbing up to the cloud base, when as he said later "a bomber made a dirty dart at me." He does not know how when they avoided a collision.

A Messerschmitt was chasing another Spitfire, so he turned on his tail and with his first short burst silenced the rear gunner. Then he sent it down, too.

After one more attack, he ran out of ammunition and dodged through cloud back to his base.

His fifth and last success of the day came just before lunch time when his Squadron saw 20 dive-bombers.

Brand Tonic

"Hats Off" to Yeast-Vite

Brand Tonic

MY HUSBAND CANNOT SPEAK TOO HIGHLY OF YOUR FAMOUS TONIC

Quick and astonishing recovery

Swindon, October 23rd, 1940

Dear Sirs,

My husband cannot speak too highly of your famous tonic Yeast-Vite.

Twelve months ago he collapsed, and after four months of home treatment went into hospital, where he underwent an operation. For long over six months he was encased in plaster, only able to move his arms and legs flat on his back. You can imagine how this made his nerves shattered, and on his discharge in June his first purchase for a pick-me-up was Yeast-Vite.

Since then he has steadily improved, gaining a pound or two each week, also retaining his natural colour and good appetite.

He is now at work, amazing even his doctor and hospital staff on such quick and astonishing recovery, as such cases usually mean 12 to 18 months from day of operation before fit to work again. So, many thanks, and "hats off" to Yeast-Vite.

This may be used if desired for printed testimonial. Yours truly,

(Sgd.) Mrs. D. E. H.

Oxford
I cannot praise Yeast-Vite tablets too highly, for they are really wonderful. I always keep them by me.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) Nurse H. W., S. R. N.

A DEFINITE HELP TO ALL WHO SUFFER FROM NERVE STRAIN

Bromley, Kent, Oct. 6th, 1940

Dear Sirs,
I hereby certify that I have been suffering from severe nerve trouble for 25 years, during the whole of which time I have been completely incapacitated through such.

I have been under continual treatment at several hospitals, unfortunately without any improvement, and have had all kinds of medicines and treatments. Since the intensive air raids, as a last resource I tried Yeast-Vite. I consider this to be a definite help to all who suffer from nerve strain or stress.

(Signed) J. W.

Accept This Offer!

If you suffer from Headaches, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Nerves, Indigestion, Sleeplessness, Constipation, simply obtain a 1/2 bottle of Yeast-Vite at once. If you don't feel better quickly, return the empty carton to Irving's Yeast-Vite, Ltd., Watford, within one month of purchase, and your money will be refunded at once and in full. YEAST-VITE brand tablets 7d., 1s., 3s and 5s, including Purchase Tax. Sold Everywhere.

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There's nothing like Sloans for soothing away the pain and reducing the swelling of a bad sprain or a bruise. If you can't walk or stand without your ankles swelling and feet throbbing with pain the relief you'll get from Sloans will amaze you. Sloans stimulates the flow of fresh healing blood through the painful part, thus relieving congestion and inflammation, banishing the pain and restoring strength and suppleness.

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For 50 years Sloans has been famed for its power to KILL PAIN.

Apply Sloans just where you feel the pain for quick relief from
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BACKACHE, SPRAINS, CRAMP, CHEST COLDS
MUSCULAR AND NERVE PAINS

Get a bottle of Sloans Liniment today. Sold by all Chemists

SLOANS KILLS
Liniment PAIN

NEW LIVES—NEW NEEDS

ARTIST toiling night and day in RESCUE SQUAD



This rescue worker was an artist—exchanged leisurely hours at his canvas for desperate toil amid the debris. What a fearsome change—yet here he is, like him have also got to stay the course—sometimes night after night.

In your strange new Home Front life, remember this, a warming cup of Bourn-vita, still at the old peace-time price, will help you to get the essential body- and mind-restoring qualities from your SLEEP (even though it is interrupted). Bourn-vita is a night food-drink of first-class nourishment value, with special nerve-soothing properties that bring sleep very quickly.

NO SUGAR NEEDED

Get the best out of your sleep with—

**CADBURY'S
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wonder, Timothy!

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you, I mean a
wonder.

5 I will leave you now, little
boy. Once more, Dick crossed the
Narrow Gorge and soon he was back
at the Ranch.

6 Little Paleface, he said, I
will promise you one thing. I
will not tell you my plan.

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SMOKERS' 'FUR'
IS IT RUINU
YOUR TEETH?

Try this now. Run your tongue round your mouth, do you notice it a rough woolly feeling. Smokers' fur has got a hold, and is staining your teeth. But don't worry, you can stop this fur from ruining the look of your teeth.

Doesn't smokers' fur is caused by excess acid in the mouth. Kill the acid and you shift the fur. What is the scientific way to destroy mouth acid? 12,000 dentists say 'Milk of Magnesia' brand antacid is the most effective antacid known. They recommend smokers to use the toothpaste containing 'Milk of Magnesia' — the only toothpaste containing it — Phillips' Dental Magnesia.

Commerce fighting mouth acid tonight. Get a tube of Phillips' Dental Magnesia and clean your teeth with it each night and morning. Then you'll feel the difference: no more morning mouth! No more stale breath. Instead you'll have teeth which look clean, feel clean, are clean; a sweet mouth to give new zest to smoking. A mouth that will say Good morning! and mean it.

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Include a tube of Phillips' Dental Magnesia in your next parcel for 'him' or 'her'. You will be sure to please by this thoughtfulness. Sold everywhere. 'Milk of Magnesia' is the trade mark of Phillips' preparation on Magnesia.—Advt.
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Most women upon reaching the trying years of middle age are really glad that they are not so young as they were. In fact, they are one of those passing through this critical time who feel that they cannot be well and happy.

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Bevin's "Peace Plot" Warning
OUR "REDS" ARE PAVING WAY

M R. ERNEST BEVIN, MINISTER OF LABOUR, HINTED AT A FORTHCOMING PEACE OFFER BY HITLER WHEN COMMUNISTS TRIED TO INTERRUPT HIM AT A MEETING AT EDINBURGH YESTERDAY.

R.A.F. CAUSE RAIL CHAOS IN 35 RAIDS

IT WAS LEARNED YESTERDAY THAT THE R.A.F. HAVE MADE 35 RAIDS ON BERLIN, IN WHICH NO FEWER THAN 53 ATTACKS WERE MADE ON RAILWAY TARGETS AND, AS A RESULT, THE RAILWAY NETWORK SPREADING ACROSS GERMANY, AND CENTRED ON THE CAPITAL, HAS BEEN DISORGANISED.

Britons who still cry "for retaliatory action against Berlin's population" can be assured that our carefully prepared plan of striking the enemy where it hurts most is causing grave concern to the German military authorities.

While our airmen take every care to see no bomb is wasted, inhabitants of many German cities and towns where there are military or industrial objectives have learned to fear the strong arm of the Royal Air Force.

In addition to raids on Berlin, there have been 85 attacks on Hamm, the marshalling yards for the transport services to the German troops in occupied territories.

Lorient, used by the enemy as a submarine base, has been plastered during 30 raids carried out since October—an attack practically every other night.

A Little Sugar With The Castor Oil

Rome, Saturday. M U S S O L I N I ' S mouthpiece, Signor Gayda, found consolation today in flight of the Italians from Egypt.

"It is evident that the British Command have staked everything on this battle," he wrote in the *Giornale d'Italia*.

"The have even impoverished the British Isles, which are threatened with an enemy invasion of their best military forces."—B.U.P.

Red Cross Pennies Doubled!

CHARACTERISTIC OF BRITAIN'S REACTION TO THE AIR BLITZ IS THE SPONTANEOUS DOUBLING OF THEIR WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS BY THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS OF THE RED CROSS PENNY-A-WEEK FUND.

In many cases indeed, contributors have insisted on trebling their weekly penny.

From all parts of the country comes news of this movement. Daily letters arrive announcing the resolve of individual bodies of workers, parties ranging in size from a score to many hundreds, to contribute "at the double" until the end of the war.

Widely varying trades and callings are represented, including iron-foundry workers, engineers, steel workers, textile operatives, laundry workers, leather workers, bank clerks, shop assistants, policemen.

Many of these, living in heavily bombed areas, have first-hand experience of the invaluable aid the Red Cross renders.

£40,000 JUMP IN LORD MAYER'S FUND

YESTERDAY'S increase of £2,000 in the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund brings the total up to £1,686,000, a jump of £40,000 in a week.

Mr. Norman Birkett's wireless appeal has so far produced more than £19,000.

In sending 100 dollars to the fund, the Imperial Veterans' Fund, residing in London, Ontario, Canada, wrote: "We wish to do our bit in easing the hardship of our fellow countrymen braving such a tremendous task, and fighting our battle on the home front."

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FRY'S COCOA IS MAKING NEW FRIENDS

—and Fireman Fred

meets an old friend on a cold morning



Fire-fighting is cold work! Take the case of Auxiliary Fireman Fred. He finished a job at dawn one morning. His clothes were drenched. He was cold and hungry. Then who should come along but Auxiliary Firewoman Sally with a jug of steaming hot Fry's Cocoa for the gallant fire-fighters!

"Ah, this is good," grunted Fireman Fred, "it puts new heart into you."

"Mean to say you don't know Fry's Cocoa?" asked Sally incredulously.

"We used to have it as nippes in the last war. And I'll see to it that we have it at home. It's a man's drink all right."

And from that day on Mrs. Fireman Fred served Fry's Cocoa every day, and the whole family felt the better for it.

FACTS ABOUT FRY'S COCOA

- Fry's Cocoa is a real food, packed with nourishment and energy.
- Fry's Cocoa is an ideal food for growing children.
- Fry's Cocoa is rich in nerve-strengthening substances.
- Fry's Cocoa contains vitamin D—the natural sunshine vitamin of the cocoa bean.
- Fry's Cocoa is economical in use and makes every meal go further.
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Because your stomach is producing TOO MUCH ACID which causes your food to ferment and gives rise to nasty distressing gases.

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WHY do you continue to suffer ?

Because you have not yet tried MACLEAN BRAND STOMACH POWDER. This wonderful remedy will neutralise the acid... protect the stomach lining... end your misery!

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Romance Tilts
A Lance

Read This First

JILTED at thirty, LEONORA MADERLY, not wishing to be a drag on her family, took a job as housekeeper-secretary to RUAN TREYARNION, a wealthy bachelor artist in Cornwall. Thus she meets MAVIS WINNOWE, aunt of MERRYN WINNOWE, a small girl to whom Ruan is guardian, and who is known as the "Winnowe heiress." Leo and Mavis take an instinctive dislike to each other. To avoid a compromising situation, Leo agrees to Ruan's suggestion to a marriage of convenience. Leonora herself has considerable misgivings about the wisdom of it all, not realising she has fallen in love with Ruan, contrary to their agreement. After the wedding, at the reception held at her sister's house, Leo finds Ruan flirting with June, her younger sister.

HELLO, Leo darling!" June blew Leonora a kiss. "Too bad of you to get married without me; but congratulations, an' all that. I like your husband. Why didn't I see him first?"

"I think we'd better go in to dinner. Arthur's been called to the hospital, so we won't wait for him, as you're in a hurry to get off," Isabel said quickly.

"Oh, there's no particular hurry," Ruan said easily.

"You can't rush away when I've just come," Isabel told him, telling Ruan all about Saturday, Leo. It really was priceless, wasn't it?" June said lightly.

Frightfully musing—especially when it was Winnowe, Leonora flushed out, then bit her lips. Hadn't she vowed she wouldn't mention Mavis again?

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By Locum Tenens

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They Laughed When I
Sat Down to Play

If you wish to be the life and soul of your air raid shelter, you need not miss our wonderful series of "Learn to Play Our Lesson" music articles which begin this week.

No. 1.—The Trombone.

The principal difficulty with this instrument is its unwieldy nature. The novice is therefore advised to make sure that he has a clear space of at least three yards on every side, otherwise in the excited passage he might find that he has kicked someone's eye out.

In the course of a slight mêlée a policeman named Postlewaite fell head-first into the bottom of the larger drum, and as he emerged minus his helmet, my uncle caught him a frightful crack with one of his drumsticks.

After that evening his enthusiasm for music waned considerably, and he devoted his spare time to Chinese fretwork.

Hey, Hey, Is This

Fair Comment?

Merie Oberon is never so lovely as when condemned to death. (Film Notes.)

My wife brought me home a lovely pound box of chocolates the other afternoon. I had to send out for another box for myself.

Dirty Work at the Grange
CHAPTER IV.

ALTHOUGH he was Upper Snizzling's oldest inhabitant, Gaffer Marley was no fool. With a sharp jerk of his venerable head he freed himself, leaving his beard in the mysterious stranger's hand.

It was a false one the cunning old rascal had worn for years to excite the sympathy of char-a-banc parties visiting the village.

With a hoarse cry of triumph the ancient yokel vanished in the direction of the Grange.

In the library there Sir Charles Winterwooley's game of mah-jong was going badly, and while

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W. T. Tiddley.
Om-Pom

WRITING of music reminds me of an uncle of mine, a retired pawn-laster for lacfisheries (aunt). He became interested in kettle-drum playing as a hobby. None of us ever could discover what on earth possessed the old gentleman to choose such cumbersome set of instruments, but he finally became so attached to them that he insisted on taking them around wherever he went.

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He COUGHED AND SPLUTTERED
UNTIL AT LAST THE WHOLE SHIFT MUTTERED
"GO-SUCK A ZUBE!"

he pondered his best move he failed to note his beautiful opponent pouring her champagne down the barrels of his elephant gun.

"Con-nie-found it!" he muttered, ringing for another magnum. "You're too good for me, you little devil."

"You rang, sir?" Clutter-worlly, stout-footed servitor of the Winterwooleys for more than 50 years, stood in the doorway.

Only by an almost imperceptible raising of one well-trained eyebrow did he show any sign of surprise at the bizarre spectacle that confronted him.

(More and more of this next Sunday.)

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Readers Write
To Uncle

"Conversation by two Welsh women. In English, recorded about 1900 by the late Mrs. Jones, I dare say? Don't know, Mrs. Jones, shouldn't wonder." — G. E. (Merton).

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THREE LEAGUES—South: Watford, Blackburn, W. Oldham, Bradford v. Huddersfield. Alternative: Norwich v. Southend.

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GREEKS IN FIERCEST BATTLE

THE FIERCEST BATTLE OF THE GREEK WAR IS BEING FOUGHT N.W. OF POGRADETS, IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF THE FRONT, MESSAGES FROM MONASTIR, ON THE JUGOSLAV FRONTIER, STATED YESTERDAY.

Here the battlefield is said to be strewn with dead and wounded.

In spite of a big artillery barrage put up by the Italians, the Greeks made slight advances. Fighting spread through the snow-covered mountains as the Greeks pushed on towards Berat and Elbasan.

The Italians are bringing up more munitions by air, but the initiative still rests with the Greeks.

Here, according to latest reports, is the position in other sectors:

Southern—Italians are starting to be uneasy about the fate of the port of Chirnara and are said to have begun moving material out of the town and to be grouping themselves outside to offer strong resistance.

GREEKS GET NEAR

Unconfirmed reports state that the Greeks have advanced to within five miles of the port.

Central—Greeks have gained more ground north-west of Pre-met. Moving steadily and using their tactics of flanking the enemy and driving him from high ground at bayonet point, the Greeks have gained much territory and have established themselves in the adjoining high ranges.

A spokesman of the Greek Press Ministry said yesterday that Italian prisoners of war number 200 officers and 7,000 men. This figure does not include the more recent captures.

Booty includes 120 guns, 55 anti-tank guns, many tanks, 250 cars, 15,000 motor-cycles and bicycles and vast quantities of munitions.

One thing is worrying the Greeks—that they will not drive the Italians into the sea before the British do in Africa.

Yesterday's Italian communiqué said the Greek attacks had been repulsed and that Italian troops counter-attacked. It added: "The Italian air force has effectively hit concentrations of enemy troops and columns on the march, using successive waves of bombers and dive-bombers."—A.P. and Reuter messages.

According to the Exchange from Athens, it is reported that Italian troops are seizing all stocks of flour from the bakeries in Tirana and are leaving the population to starve.

Durazzo is no longer useful as a port. No ships are entering and the quays have been destroyed by Allied aircraft.

No transport has been seen on the road from Tirana to Durazzo for some time.

"ANARCHY" IN ALBANIA CAPITAL

Northern Front, Saturday.

AN authentic account of the present situation in Tirana, capital of Albania, shows that the Italian Viceroy, Signor Giacomo di Sansavino, who, in 1939, handed the ultimatum to King Zog, is facing difficult times owing to the disintegration of the Italian army and the discontent of the local people.

A reign of inhuman terrorism is being imposed by Colonel Marengo, who, as chief of the Italian secret police, is known for his cruelties at Corytza prior to the Italian flight.

All precautions to facilitate an eventual departure of the Italian force are being taken. A state of anarchy prevails in the city.

All houses of two storeys or more have been transformed into hospitals and are filled with wounded Italians, who arrive daily.

Wounded officers and soldiers, with rough bandages over their wounds and shell splinters and bullets not extracted, lie on stretchers in the streets exposed to the terrible cold.

Many die without medical care, cursing their luck.

More than 100 aeroplanes have been busy during the past ten days carrying wounded to Bari, Naples, Trieste and Venice, and this may account to some extent for the inactivity of the Italian Air Force over the Front.

The Albanians believe that in addition to the wounded troops, members of the General Staff are being evacuated in preparation for the time when General Soddu, the Italian C-in-C, gives up all hope.

"AREN'T I A BIG GIRL!"
—from "Photograms of the Year."



Losses At Mayfair Hotels

"LORD BRAEMAR" DRUG CHARGE

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

RUG CHARGES HAVE TO BE FACED AT ANOTHER COURT BY HAROLD PICKARD, A TWENTY-ONE-YEARS-OLD ENGINEER, WHO WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE GIVEN THE NAME OF "LORD BRAEMAR," IN ADDITION TO CHARGES OF THEFT FROM PARK-LANE HOTELS, ON WHICH THE MARLBOROUGH STREET MAGISTRATE YESTERDAY SENT HIM FOR TRIAL.

He was remanded to the West London Court while the Director of Public Prosecutions is consulted with regard to other property, understood to be drugs, found in his possession.

Sir Gervais Rentoul, the

Marlborough Street magistrate, sent him for trial on a charge of stealing a cash box containing £28 and cheques for £6s. from the Grosvenor House Hotel hairdressing department.

Another charge was of stealing by finding, at the Dorchester, a £75 wristlet watch belonging to Mr. Laurence Howard, an impresario.

Det.-Sergt. Robinson said that when arrested as he was leaving the Dorchester, Pickard gave his name as "Lord Braemar," and said he was also known by his family name of Pickard.

Told that he was suspected of having attempted to pass a stolen cheque, Pickard, said the officer, replied:

"I might as well be frank with you. I did steal the cash box from the Grosvenor and I tried to pass a cheque for £30. Here is another cheque-book that will interest you."

The missing wristlet watch was found in the lining of his overcoat, said the sergeant.

Macaulay assisted Yorkshire for fifteen seasons. He took 1,773 wickets for the county at an average cost of 17.08 runs, performing the hat-trick four times.

He scored 5,759 runs for the county, his average being 18.11.

Since retiring from first-class cricket in 1935 he had played with League sides in Wales, Lancashire and Yorkshire. When at his best, Macaulay was recognised as the finest off-break bowler in the country.

SECRET INQUIRY ON M.P.

Mr. Mander (L. Wolverhampton, E.) is to ask Mr. Churchill if he will consider appointing a select committee to consider, if necessary in secret, facts in the case of Capt. A. H. M. Ramsay, member for Peebles and Midlothian, arising out of his detention under the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, and to report to the house their conclusions and recommendations.

TONIGHT'S Black-out Times

BEGINS ENDS

London 5.19 p.m. 8.32 a.m.

Glasgow 5.13 p.m. 9.12 a.m.

Newcastle 5.8 p.m. 8.56 a.m.

Plymouth 5.41 p.m. 8.41 a.m.

Holyhead 5.29 p.m. 8.59 a.m.

Hull 5.9 p.m. 8.45 a.m.

Times for Edinburgh, Llandudno and Leeds are approximately the same as those of Glasgow, Holyhead and Hull respectively.

Facts supplied and checked by the Automobile Association.

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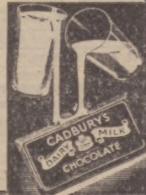
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With Britain's Hammer Blows Getting Harder

Mussolini May Quit

Peace Drive By Royalists

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

MUSSOLINI AND THE FASCIST REGIME MAY "TAKE THE RAP" INSIDE THEIR OWN COUNTRY BEFORE LONG. THEIR RECENT MILITARY FAILURES—ESPECIALLY THE PRESENT BRITISH ONSLAUGHT ON MARSHAL GRAZIANI—HAVE SHOCKED THE WHOLE OF ITALY INTO A DESPERATION WHICH BLAMES FASCIST SUB-SERVICE TO NAZI DIPLOMACY FOR THE PERIL IN WHICH THE NATION IS TODAY.

At the moment there is no question of a revolution, but the speed with which events are moving has forced the Fascist leaders to realise that their Government is rapidly being pushed to the brink of a precipice.

That, in fact, there are only two alternatives before them in view of the shaken morale of their troops, the increased vulnerability of their communications, the pressure of the British blockade, and the revolution of home feeling—either capitulation to Britain or national domination by Hitler.

ITALY WONDERS

If peace can be made with Britain they are wondering whether it might be just possible to save both their regime and their country at the cost of their overseas possessions before their navy is lost, their man power decimated and their national domination by Hitler.

If Hitler is invited to save them on his own terms (exclusively revealed in "The People" last Sunday) the reaction on the Italian people may well result in the elimination of Fascism and especially of the Fascist leaders.

A decision will have to be made without delay... Or has British initiative taken the decision out of Axis hands?

That is the essence of the situation south of the Brenner as described in reliable information which has just reached me.

I am going to understand that neither Hitler nor Mussolini is in a position to carry out his own wishes with any degree of surety, and also that whatever joint decisions may be reached by them it is by no means certain that these can be executed successfully.

The unexpected hammer blows being dealt Italy—to counter which no serious Axis provision has been made—have also affected Germany in a serious degree.

They are intensifying the difficulties in securing that breathing-space to recast their plans which is now vital to both Dictators if they are to stop the spread of the defeatism in Axis countries.

The Italian situation has assumed all the potentialities of a possible war between Mussolini—and all that he represents—and his people.

HATE OF NAZIS

The Royalist faction—nobility, landowners, professional classes and many of the officers in the army—who have the support of the agricultural population, are now openly formulating serious plans against the Fascists.

They hate the Nazis and want early peace with Britain. Their power is growing stronger as Fascist reverses multiply and Mussolini's stock drops.

Nevertheless, even this situation does not necessarily mean civil war, because the bulk of the Fascist rank and file also fear and hate the thought of Nazi domination and might join the royalists to unite against possible future control by Hitler.

Hilter realises this. After the years of Nazi-Fascist propaganda and the trumpeting of the Rome-Berlin alliance, any popular Italian opposition to his ideas of "saving" Italy from Britain may make the German position worse instead of better.

It will also strengthen Balkan unity against the Nazis while imposing considerable extra strain on the German military machine in dealing with a situation entirely unprovided for and quite beyond their war plans.

I am told that from a military point of view a Nazi campaign against Britain anywhere in the Mediterranean must therefore

be a quixotic venture. The British port of Dubrovnik declared that heavy firing was heard and later a Yugoslav aeroplane sighted a patch of oil on the sea.

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STOP PRESS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1940

STAR SERIOUSLY ILL

Hollywood, Saturday.

Warner Brothers announce that film star Olivia de Havilland, stricken with appendicitis at San Francisco, has taken a turn for the worse and has chartered a plane to return to Hollywood.—Exchange.

NEW GREEK SUCCESS

With the Greek Army on the Northern Front:

The Greeks have achieved a new success north-west of Pogradets. They have man-hauled guns on to a high mountain covered with snow. The Italians had attempted a counter-attack but suffered considerable losses.

The Greeks occupied the mountain, where they found about 100 dead

Italians and a quantity of

material.—Exchange.

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THAT RUB WITH 'VICK' ENDED BABY'S COUGH. NOW WE CAN GO BACK TO SLEEP. TO-MORROW NIGHT, LET'S STOP IT BEFORE IT STARTS, BY RUBBING ON 'VICK' AT BEDTIME.

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ARE your pullets red in colour showing every sign of laying yet hanging fire and holding back those eagles? If so, the remedy is simple—one. Give them Karswood Poultry Spice (containing good insects daily in their mash). Then off they go! One or two eggs per bird the first week, two or three the next, and within a short time you are getting eggs galore! Mr. J. Rhodes of Rotherham, writes that his 17 March-hatched pullets give the Karswood Poultry Spice (containing good insects daily in their mash) since they were 48 hours old came into full lay at 5 months now, average 13 eggs a day. You too, can do just as well. Start your birds on Karswood Spice. Packets 2½d., 7½d., 1/3d. from Corn Dealers.

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